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SUBJECT: NESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE, PARIS, MARCH 13-20:
GUIDANCE ON ZIONISM-RACISM FOR US DELEGATION
REF: STATE 63346

1. US PARTICIPATION IN THE UNESCO CONFERENCE ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE DOES NOT IMPLY ANY LESSENING IN OUR OPPOSITION TO UNGA RESOLUTION 3379, IDENTIFYING ZIONISM AS A FORM
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OF RACISM. INDEED, AS NOTED IN REFTEL (STATE 063346), US PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE CONDITION THAT IF, CONTRARY TO OUR EXPECTATIONS, EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INJECT REFERENCES, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, TO RESOLUTION 3379, AND THEY APPEAR TO HAVE GREATER SUPPORT THAN WE ANTICIPATE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL DECIDE UPON THE

MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, INCLUDING WITHDRAWAL OF OUR DELEGATION, EITHER-TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY. THUS, THE DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON ALL DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE. AND, IF LANGUAGE REFERRING TO RESOLUTION 3379 IS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE DECLARATION, THE DELEGATION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE AND, IN THE MEANTIME, ACTIVELY LOBBY AGAINST SUCH PROPOSALS.

2. SINCE OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE WAS GENERALLY WELL KNOWN, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE UNESCO DELEGATIONS IN PARIS WHICH WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE CONFERENCE, WE DID NOT CONSULT WITH CAPITALS ON THIS MATTER PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE. IF DEVELOPMENTS, HOWEVER, INDICATE THE DESIRABILITY OF MAKING A DEMARCHE TO SELECTED CAPITALS, THE DELEGATION SHOULD PROMPTLY SO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT.

3. IN THE DRAFTING OF THE DECLARATION, ATTEMPTS TO INSERT LANGUAGE RELATING TO ZIONISM-RACISM MAY TAKE MANY FORMS. THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD REGARD AS "UNACCEPTABLE" LANGUAGE IF INCORPORATED INTO THE DRAFT DECLARATION:

-- EXPLICIT ENUNCIATION, WHETHER IN THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF THE DECLARATION OR IN THE PREAMBLE (AND REGARDLESS OF THE PHRASE INTRODUCING THAT SECTION OF THE PREAMBLE) OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ASSERTION THAT ZIONISM IS A FORM OF RACISM;

-- EXPLICIT REFERENCE, WHETHER IN THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF THE DECLARATION OR IN THE PREAMBLE (AND REGARDLESS OF THE PHRASE INTRODUCING THAT SECTION OF THE PREAMBLE) OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3379; OR

-- GENERAL REFERENCE IN THE PREAMBLE TO PAST RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN (E.G., "RECALLING ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN RELATING TO RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE," "RECALLING ALL RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS," OR "RECALLING ALL UN RESOLUTIONS (ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE)") WHICH SUGGESTS AN IMPLIED REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 3379.

4. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, THE FOLLOWING PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE MAY BE SUPPORTED BY THE DELEGATION:

-- PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE WHICH RECALLS PAST UN RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE WHICH WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS;

-- PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE WHICH, AS IN THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT

OF THE DECLARATION, CITES SPECIFIC RACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS
RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE UN, EXCLUDING,
OF COURSE, RESOLUTION 3379; OR

-- ANY OTHER FORMULATION OF PREAMBULAR LANGUAGE, WHICH IS
DRAFTED BY THE CONFERENCE, IN WHICH RESOLUTION 3379 IS
NEITHER MENTIONED NOR INFERRED.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE DECLARATION'S PREAMBLE, WHILE THE
DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS LANGUAGE WHICH DOES NOT REFER, IN ANY
WAY, TO RESOLUTION 3379, THE DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED NOT
TO OPEN THE ISSUE UP FOR DISCUSSION IN THE CONFERENCE BY
INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE POINTS CITED IN PARAGRAPHS
3 AND 4 ABOVE.

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